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For: ILLUMINATION DEVICE, IMAGE DISPLAY APPARATUS  
INCLUDING THE SAME, AND LIGHTGUIDE ELEMENT

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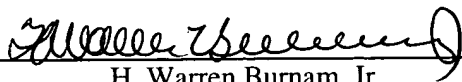
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